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Some Historical Facts of the A. O. U. W.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen was founded in Meadville, Pa., by John Jordan Upchurch on the 27th day of October, 1868, for the purpose of giving financial protection to the families of its members at death, and uniting the members together in fraternal brotherhood. The first lodge was established by Upchurch and thirteen associates at Meadville, October 27, 1868. We have today over five hundred thousand members. There are similar orders in Europe that have been in successful operation several hundred of years. One in England is 750 years old. The A. O. U. W. however was one of the first American orders to unite the social and fraternal features of the lodge system with a limited amount of insurance or protection. It is the pioneer of the fraternal societies. It has not been able to profit by the experience of other societies but has been compelled to blaze its own path, to learn by its own experience, to solve unaided the problem of fraternal protection. Others have followed in its pathway, have profited by its experience, have reaped the results of its labors, but none have outstripped it in the race. It still leads the van of fraternity and is making plain to all the elements of future success and perpetuity. From the date of its organization to the present day it has had a continuous growth.

The A. O. U. W. was the originator of the separate jurisdiction feature. Each grand lodge is a collecting and disbursing agency. The members in each jurisdiction make as many payments as are required by deaths of that jurisdiction, and the Guaranty and Reserve Fund quotas, and thus have an advantage not possible in any other society. The various jurisdictions are united through the Guaranty Fund, managed by the Supreme Lodge, to which they all contribute and in which they all participate. There are Forty Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada, having legislative and financial control of the Order in the territory under its jurisdiction and makes such assessments as are required to meet its liabilities and pay its death benefits. 12 assessments are the limit a year in Kansas. This is the 10th month and we have only had 8 assessments this year. Kansas has the largest number of members in the United States and Canada. We have nearly 40,000 members. One assessment in Kansas raises over \$74,000. We can pay a large number of policies with one assessment. The classified plan went into effect

in Kansas in July, 1898. This is a slight increase in the assessments every five years up to the fiftieth year when it remains the same level during the remainder of life.

Kansas made a gain of over 10,000 members since the plan was adopted. Each state pays its own death losses. If you are a Kansas man why not join a lodge that only makes you pay for healthy Kansas?

Ten million dollars per annum is now being paid to widows and orphans of deceased Workmen, in the United States, or \$18.76 every minute. This does not include the money paid out for fraternal purposes, such as sick benefits, etc.

Sixty three thousand five hundred and eighty nine families of deceased members have received policies since the organization of the A. O. U. W. The total sum is one hundred and twenty-five million dollars. The magnitude of these financial transactions can hardly be comprehended.

The age limit is 45 years. The A. O. U. W. is a young man's order and bars its doors to those who have passed the prime of physical life.

A. O. U. W. Members do not have to get a permit to go away from home nor follow only certain occupations, and die a certain way in order to secure payment. If you pay the assessments in the A. O. U. W. your widow or family will get the full face of the certificate. A policy of life insurance is the cheapest and safest way of making a certain provision for one's family. It is a strange anomaly that men should be careful to insure their houses, furniture, merchandise, and neglect to insure their lives, the most important of all to their family.

Kansas has nearly 500 A. O. U. W. lodges. The Degree of Honor, which is the Auxiliary to the A. O. U. W. has nearly 300 lodges in our state.

The A. O. U. W. lodge of Great Bend was organized March 29, 1883, with only 15 charter members. The names of the Bros. who started the good work in Great Bend are:—D. M. Woodburn, A. Y. McCormick, S. J. Shaw, W. P. Clement, Myron Gilmore, John H. Corbin, A. J. Buckland, Fred Volmer, D. R. Jones, D. F. Robinson, Clarence Birdsall, C. M. Smith, Herbert Swift, A. C. Schermerhorn and David Roberts.

We meet every Saturday night. The question is asked every meeting: "Is there any brother sick or in distress?" If so the Workman is always prompt in doing their duty to one another. Lodge dues are \$3 per year. Great Bend lodge is going to send their team to Grand Lodge in

1905. We are trying to reach the 300 mark for the Great Bend lodge before January 1, 1905.

A WORD ABOUT THE DEGREE OF HONOR, THE AUXILIARY TO A. O. U. W.

The Degree of Honor was organized in Kansas in January, 1883. Kansas has about 300 lodges of the D. of H. The Degree of Honor has social and beneficial members composed only of members of the A. O. U. W. and their families. Any lady can join the degree of Honor who has a blood relative in the A. O. U. W. lodge, between the age of 16 and 45. Kansas has over 10,000 members in the Degree of Honor. The purpose is to cultivate, co-operate and engage all in the work of the order. The Degree of Honor issues a policy from \$500 to \$2000. It also has a total disability clause in it. The expense is so comparatively light that people of very limited income may participate. This is the 10th month of the year: the Degree of Honor has only had 7 assessments this year. Remember you can become a member of the Degree of Honor and be a social member. You do not have to take out a policy. It only costs \$1 to join our Degree. Why not become a member?

Great Bend lodge of the D. of H. has 50 members. Let's make it 100 before January 1st, 1904.

The D. of H. was organized in Great Bend in 1894, with only 15 members.

H. J. HEINRICH, Deputy,
Wichita, Kansas.

Commercial Club.

Owing to the rain and the circus, no quorum appeared at the club rooms last Monday evening, for the regular business meeting of the club. An adjournment to next Monday evening was taken, at which time it is hoped all will turn out. Election of officers for the ensuing year will occur.

Oriole Club.

The first number to be presented by the Oriole club will be the Sherwood Concert Company on October 31st. The Sherwoods are a very fine company and never fail to please their audiences. They will be greeted by a full house here, as the Orioles have been working hard to get a good patronage.

Ferns, begonias, palms and bulbs on sale Saturday at DEMOCRAT office. Call early to get best selections.

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E. Larsch of Larned was the guest of Tom Dennis show day.

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John Gallon, Sr., Dead.

On Thursday morning, the 15th, John Gallon, of Albert, aged about 70 years, died at the Sister's hospital in Great Bend. He had been suffering from clogging of the stomach or bowels, and on Wednesday evening a surgical operation was performed. He never recovered from the operation.

Mr. Gallon came to Barton county from New York in 1873, and has conducted a farm near Albert since that time. His wife passed away about a year ago. He was a man of jovial and friendly disposition and leaves many friends in this county.

Surviving him are three sons, John, Jr., Fred and Joe, and three daughters—Mrs. Rouena Teten, of Albert, Mrs. Anna Wesley of Great Bend, and another daughter in Oklahoma. As we go to press we are unable to learn the hour of the funeral.

Strayed or Stolen.

From W. F. Klein & Co.'s corral last Saturday night, one brown horse 9 year old, branded on left hip, is a pacer and had three shoes on when he left.

1 bay horse, about 6 years old, bald face, also branded on left hip, shod in front.

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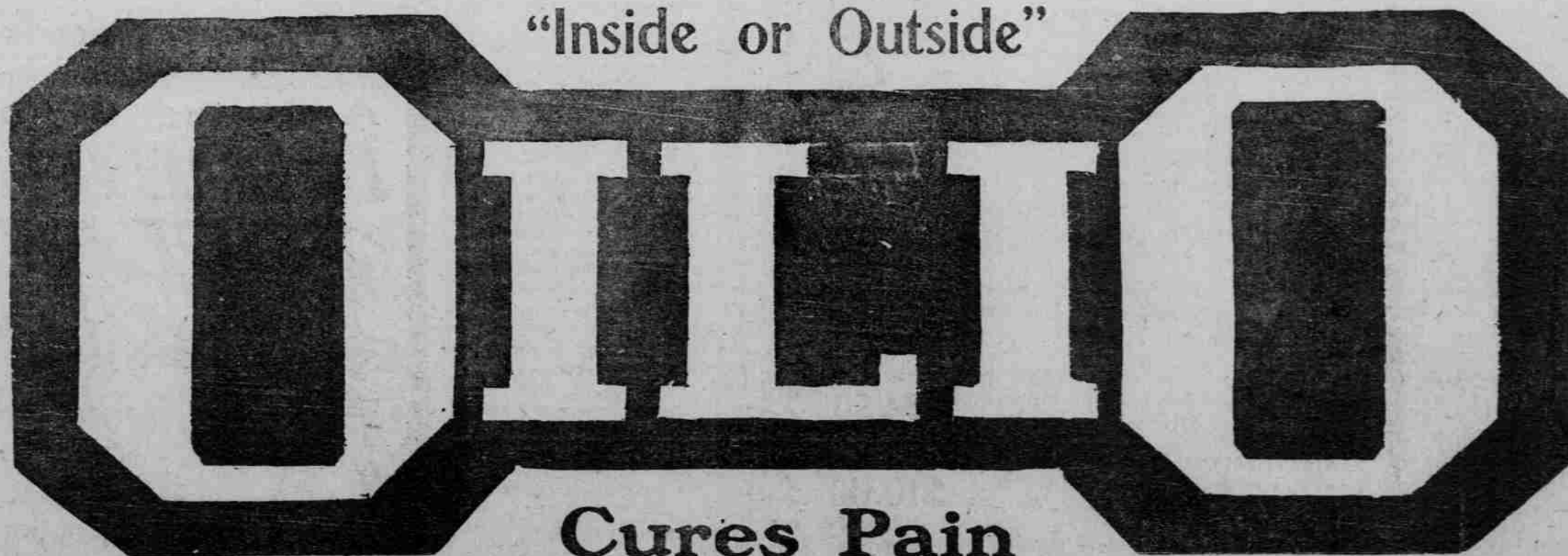
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